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PROPOSED REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated October 16, 2007, **the following remarks, beginning on page 2**, are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.